

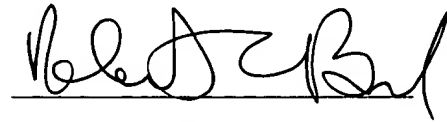
REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected the pending claims based upon U.S. Patent 5,824,212, which names Alex Brockhoff as an inventor. This patent is not a 102b reference since it is issued after the filing date of the instant application. This reference is not a 102e reference because it is not an invention by "another." The '212 application is co-owned with the present application, and a petition to alter the inventorship of the patent has been filed. This petition has not been acted upon yet by the Patent Office. A copy of the moving paper is provided for the convenience of the Examiner. Applicant requests withdrawal of this ground for rejection, or suspension of prosecution on this case pending the disposition of the Petition to Correct Inventorship in the '212 patent.

If this matter requires discussion with counsel, kindly contact the undersigned.

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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Alex Brockhoff	Examiner:	Reifsynder, D.
Patent No.:	5,824,212	Group Art Unit:	1306
Filing Date:	December 13, 1995	Docket No.:	1264
Title	Cyclone Apparatus for Removal of Air from Air Containing Blood		

Date of Deposit: 9-15-00

I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231

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Petition For Correction Of Inventorship of Patent

(37 CFR 1.324)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

1. This is a Petition for correction of error in a NONJONDER of inventors in the above issued patent, It is respectfully requested that the PTO issue a certificate correcting the error.

2. Enclosed herewith is (37 CFR 1.32(b)) are:

A. A statement of Hans Plechinger who is being added.

B. A statement from the current inventor Alex Brockhoff agreeing to the change of inventorship.

3. The written consent of the Assignee

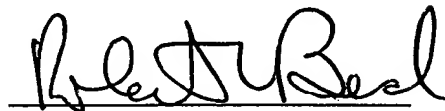
4. The fee required (37 CFR 1.20(b)).

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